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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

15 PETER DELVECCHIA, individually and as) Case No.: 2:19-cv-01322-KJD-DJA
next friend of A.D., a Minor,)
16) SCOTT WARREN'S ANSWER
Plaintiff,) TO PLAINTIFFS'
17) FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT
v.) & DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
18)
19 FRONTIER AIRLINES, INC.,)
SCOTT WARREN,)
20 CHELSIE BRIGHT SAKURADA,)
ANNA BOND, AMANDA NICKEL,)
21 REX SHUPE, and SHAWN MULLIN)
22)
Defendants.)
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**DEFENDANT SCOTT WARREN'S ANSWER TO
PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

26 Defendant SCOTT WARREN (“FA Warren”), by his undersigned counsel, for his
27 Answer to Plaintiffs’ First Amended Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial states:
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Jurisdiction

The Jurisdiction Paragraphs consist of conclusions of law to which no response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the allegations contained in the Jurisdiction Paragraphs.

Venue

The Venue Paragraph consists of conclusions of law to which no response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the allegations contained in the Venue Paragraph.

The Parties

1. FA Warren lacks sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 1.

2. FA Warren lacks sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 2.

3. FA Warren admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 3.

4. FA Warren admits that he is a male individual who was, at the time of the events described in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, employed as a flight attendant by Frontier. FA Warren further admits that he worked as a flight attendant on the flight that is the subject of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. FA Warren also admits that he is a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. FA Warren denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 4.

5. FA Warren admits that Bright is a female individual who was, at the time of the events described in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, employed as a flight attendant by Frontier. FA Warren further admits that Bright worked as a flight attendant on the flight that is the subject of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. FA Warren lacks sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 5 regarding Bright's residency. FA Warren denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 5.

1 6. FA Warren admits that Bond is a female individual who was, at the time of the
2 events described in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, employed as a flight attendant by
3 Frontier. FA Warren further admits that Bond worked as a flight attendant on the flight that is the
4 subject of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. FA Warren lacks sufficient information or
5 knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 6 regarding Bond's
6 residency.
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8 7. FA Warren admits that Nickel is a female individual who was, at the time of the
9 events described in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, employed as a flight attendant by
10 Frontier. FA Warren further admits that Nickel worked as a flight attendant on the flight that is
11 the subject of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. FA Warren lacks sufficient information or
12 knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 7 regarding Nickel's
13 residency.
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15 8. FA Warren admits that Shupe is a male individual who was, at the time of the
16 events described in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, employed as a pilot by Frontier. FA
17 Warren further admits that Shupe worked as the Captain on the flight that is the subject of
18 Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. FA Warren lacks sufficient information or knowledge to
19 form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8 regarding Shupe's residency.
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21 9. FA Warren admits that Mullin is a male individual who was, at the time of the
22 events described in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, employed as a pilot by Frontier. FA
23 Warren further admits that Mullin worked as the First Officer on the flight that is the subject of
24 Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. FA Warren lacks sufficient information or knowledge to
25 form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 9 regarding Mullin's residency.
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Particulars of the Claim

27 10. FA Warren admits that on March 28, 2019, Plaintiffs were passengers onboard
28 Frontier Flight 2067 from Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina to McCarran

1 International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada. FA Warren lacks sufficient knowledge or
2 information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph
3 10.

4 11. FA Warren lacks sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the
5 truth of the allegations in Paragraph 11 that during the flight, Peter fell asleep with his head
6 resting on the back of the seat in the row ahead of him. FA Warren denies the remaining
7 allegations contained in Paragraph 11.

8 12. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 12.

9 13. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 13.

10 14. The allegations contained in Paragraph 14 contain conclusions of law to which no
11 response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the
12 allegations contained in Paragraph 14.

13 15. The allegations contained in Paragraph 15 contain conclusions of law to which no
14 response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the
15 allegations contained in Paragraph 15.

16 16. The allegations contained in Paragraph 16 contain conclusions of law to which no
17 response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the
18 allegations contained in Paragraph 16.

19 17. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 17.

20 18. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 18.

21 19. The allegations contained in Paragraph 19 contain conclusions of law to which no
22 response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the
23 allegations contained in Paragraph 19.

20. The allegations contained in Paragraph 20 contain conclusions of law to which no response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 20.

21. The allegations contained in Paragraph 21 contain conclusions of law to which no response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 21.

Count I:

Compensatory and Punitive Damages and Attorneys' Fees Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1981

22. FA Warren repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference his Answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein.

23. The allegations contained in Paragraph 23 contain conclusions of law to which no response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 23.

24. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 24.

25. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 25.

26. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 26.

27. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 27.

***Count II: Compensatory and Punitive Damages Pursuant to State Law for
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress***

28. FA Warren repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference his Answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein.

29. The allegations contained in Paragraph 29 contain conclusions of law to which no response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 29.

30. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 30.

31. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 31.

1 ***Count III: Compensatory and Punitive Damages Pursuant to State Law for***
2 ***False Imprisonment / Unlawful Detention***

3 32. FA Warren repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference his Answers to each
4 and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein.

5 33. The allegations contained in Paragraph 33 contain conclusions of law to which no
6 response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the
7 allegations contained in Paragraph 33.

8 34. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 34.

9 35. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 35.

10 ***Count IV: Compensatory and Punitive Damages Pursuant to State Law***
11 ***for Battery and Sexual Assault***

12 36. FA Warren repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference his Answers to each
13 and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein.

14 37. The allegations contained in Paragraph 37 contain conclusions of law to which no
15 response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the
16 allegations contained in Paragraph 37.

17 38. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 38.

18 39. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 39.

19 ***Count V: Compensatory and Punitive Damages***
20 ***Pursuant to State Law for Defamation***

21 40. FA Warren repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference his Answers to each
22 and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 as though full set forth herein.

23 41. The allegations contained in Paragraph 41 contain conclusions of law to which no
24 response is required. In the event a response is deemed required, FA Warren denies the
25 allegations contained in Paragraph 41.

26 42. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 42.

43. FA Warren denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 43.

GENERAL DENIAL

Defendant SCOTT WARREN denies all allegations of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint which are not specifically admitted above.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

In further response to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant SCOTT WARREN raises and preserves the following Affirmative Defenses:

1. Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint fails, in whole or in part, to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted.

2. Plaintiffs may lack capacity or standing to bring this action.

3. Plaintiffs' action is filed in an improper venue.

4. Plaintiffs' action is barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statute of limitations.

5. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, laches, waiver, or unclean hands.

6. Plaintiffs' action may be governed, in whole or in part, by the laws of jurisdictions other than Nevada.

7 Plaintiffs' claims are preempted, in whole or in part, by federal law.

8 Plaintiffs' alleged damages, if any, are barred or limited under applicable law.

9. Plaintiffs' alleged damages, if any, may have been directly and proximately caused by an unavoidable accident or an act of god for which EA Warren is not responsible.

10. Plaintiffs' alleged damages, if any, are barred or limited under applicable law due to Plaintiffs' failure to mitigate damages.

11. Plaintiffs' alleged damages, if any, were caused in whole or in part by the assumption of risk, fault, neglect, want of care, or independent, intervening, or superseding acts

1 or omissions or other culpable conduct of Plaintiffs themselves for which FA Warren is not
2 responsible.

3 12. Plaintiffs' recovery, if any, shall be barred or diminished to the extent that such
4 injury or damage was proximately caused by negligence or other tortious misconduct on the part
5 of Plaintiffs or third parties.

6 13. FA Warren denies that his conduct was a cause or proximate cause of Plaintiffs'
7 alleged damages. Further, Plaintiffs' alleged damages, if any, were caused in whole or in part, by
8 acts or omissions, including but not limited to, unusual negligent or willful acts or omissions by
9 other persons or entities, named or unnamed, over whom FA Warren has no control or right to
10 control.

11 14. Plaintiffs' claims and recovery are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable
12 laws governing comparative fault, contributory negligence, and assumption of risk due to the
13 acts or omissions of unknown third parties for which FA Warren is not responsible.

14 15. Plaintiffs' alleged damages, if any, were caused by the acts or omissions of other
15 persons or entities for which FA Warren is not liable. In the event FA Warren is found liable to
16 Plaintiffs, which he expressly denies, FA Warren may be entitled to indemnification or
17 contribution from such third parties, or apportionment of liability and fault against such third
18 parties pursuant to applicable law and reserves his right to seek the same.

19 16. Some or all of Plaintiffs' claims may be barred, in whole or in part, because
20 Plaintiffs may have already received full satisfaction or compensation for their alleged damages,
21 if any, and Plaintiffs' claims may be barred by such prior release of claims or accord and
22 satisfaction with any entity.

23 17. If Plaintiffs have available to them and have received benefits paid by a collateral
24 source for their injuries and damages, if any, FA Warren is entitled to a setoff of these amounts
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1 against any amount of damages awarded against him, if any, pursuant to the applicable Nevada
2 statute.

3 18. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by contractual release,
4 disclaimer, or limitations remedies entered into by Plaintiffs.

5 19. Plaintiffs' claims are barred or limited pursuant to contract.

6 20. Plaintiffs' claims are waived, in whole or in part, pursuant to contract.

7 21. Pursuant to applicable federal and state law, FA Warren is entitled to immunity,
8 qualified or otherwise, for the conduct alleged in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

9 22. Pursuant to applicable federal and state law, FA Warren is entitled to a privilege,
10 qualified or otherwise, for the conduct alleged in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

11 23. FA Warren is entitled to immunity from civil liability pursuant to all applicable
12 Nevada statutes pertaining to protection of children from abuse and neglect including but not
13 limited to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 432B.010 *et seq.*

14 24. FA Warren is entitled to immunity from civil liability pursuant to all applicable
15 federal statutes pertaining to protection of children from abuse and neglect.

16 25. Plaintiffs' claims are barred pursuant to applicable federal statutes, including but
17 not limited to 49 U.S.C. § 44902(b), 6 U.S.C. § 1104, and 49 U.S.C. § 44941.

18 26. FA Warren is entitled to immunity from civil liability pursuant to all applicable
19 state and federal statutes and/or laws pertaining to reporting suspected sexual assault or abuse to
20 law enforcement.

21 27. FA Warren has complied with all applicable codes, standards, and regulations of
22 the United States and agencies thereof.

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RESERVATION OF FURTHER DEFENSES

Defendant SCOTT WARREN reserves the right to supplement and amend his defenses to this action, including his Affirmative Defenses, as necessary in light of the allegations, facts, claims, and changes or modifications in the law.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered and responded to the allegations in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant SCOTT WARREN respectfully requests:

1. A judgment that Plaintiffs shall take nothing by way of their First Amended Complaint;
 2. An award to FA Warren of costs of this suit and any recoverable attorneys' fees; and
 3. Such other and further relief as this Court deems necessary and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendant SCOTT WARREN demands trial by jury.

Date: May 28, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

SCOTT WARREN

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 28, 2020, I caused the foregoing to be electronically filed with the United States District Court for the District of Nevada using the CM/ECF system.

By: /s/ *Tara Shelke*